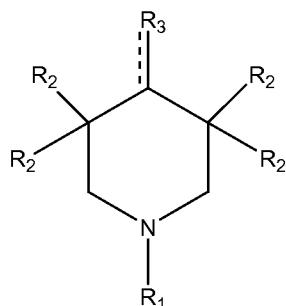


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Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Cancelled).
2. (Cancelled).
3. (Cancelled).
4. (Cancelled).
5. (Cancelled).
6. (Original) A method for preparing Marasmius androsaceus L.es Fr extract, which comprises extracting fungi Marasmius androsaceus L.es Fr with an organic solvent, an aqueous organic solvent or water, and concentrating the obtained extractive.
7. (Cancelled).
8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 6, wherein the organic solvent is methanol, ethanol, propanol, butanol, dichloromethane, trichloromethane, methyl acetate, ethyl acetate, petroleum or diethyl ether.
9. (Cancelled).
10. (Cancelled).

11. (New) A method for preparing a compound of the following Formula I or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof:

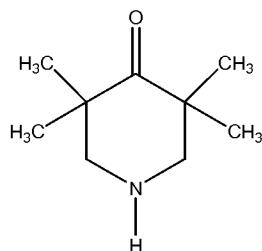


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wherein,

R₁ and each of R₂, the same or different, independently represent hydrogen atom or C₁-C₅ alkyl;

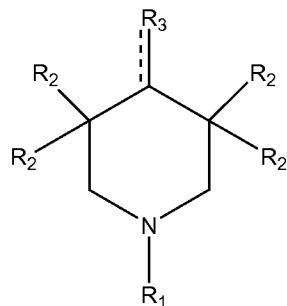
— represents a single bond or a double bond, when — is a double bond, R₃ is oxygen atom; when — is a single bond, R₃ is hydroxyl group, which comprises extracting fungi Marasmius androsaceus L.es Fr with an organic solvent, an aqueous organic solvent or water to obtain an extract, separating and purifying the extract thereby obtaining a compound monomer of the following Formula II,



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and then deriving the compound of Formula I by reacting the compound monomer of Formula II with a calculated amount of alkyl halide under basic condition.

12. (New) A method for treating an individual with hypertension comprising administering the compound of the following Formula I to said individual:



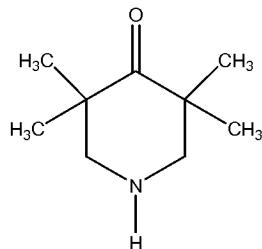
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wherein,

R₁ and each of R₂, the same or different, independently represent hydrogen atom or C₁-C₅ alkyl;

— represents a single bond or a double bond, when — is a double bond, R₃ is oxygen atom; when — is a single bond, R₃ is hydroxyl group.

13. (New) A method for treating an individual with hypertension comprising administering the compound of the following Formula II to said individual:



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14. (New) The method of claim 12 wherein said compound is 1-ethyl-3,3,5,5-tetramethyl-4-piperidone.

15. (New) The method of claim 12 wherein said compound is 3,3,5,5-tetramethyl-4-piperidanol.

16. (New) The method of claim 11 wherein said compound is 1-ethyl-3,3,5,5-tetramethyl-4-piperidone.

17. (New) The method of claim 11 wherein said compound is 3,3,5,5-tetramethyl-4-piperidanol.